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Sir:

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It is believed that the Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 21, 2008 includes a comparable statement to the effect that the references which were cited in the IDS were cited in an office action dated September 29, 2008 in Applicant's corresponding Japanese application. Nevertheless, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith now further includes the language of the statement specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), and further includes the payment of the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2).

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS

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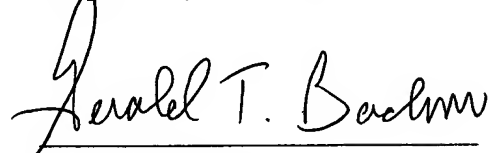
The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. A full English translation of Japanese Publication Nos. 2001-166972 and 09-018540 is enclosed. An English Abstract of PCT Publication No. WO 00/14740 is enclosed. A full English translation of Japanese Patent Publication No. WO 00/14740 is not readily available.

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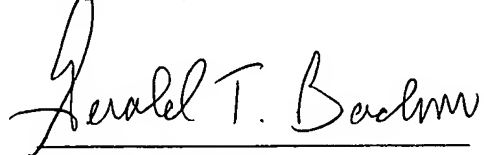
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